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# Unit 5: Acids and Bases

## Practice Exam Chem 30

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**Formulas:**

$$c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$K_w = [H_3O^+] \times [OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$pH = -\log [H_3O^+]$$

$$pOH = -\log [OH^-]$$

$$14 = pH + pOH$$

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

### Common Acid-Base Indicators

Indicator	Approximate pH Range for Color Change	Color Change
methyl orange	3.2 – 4.4	red to yellow
bromthymol blue	6.0 – 7.6	yellow to blue
phenolphthalein	8.2 – 10	colorless to pink
litmus	5.5 – 8.2	red to blue
bromcresol green	3.8 – 5.4	yellow to blue
thymol blue	8.0 – 9.6	yellow to blue

### Multiple Choice

- Which of the following is amphoteric?
  - $HSO_4^-$
  - $NH_3$
  - $HNO_3$
  - $OH^-$
- An Arrhenius acid \_\_\_\_\_
  - is an ionic compound which contains oxygen atoms
  - produces an aqueous solution having a pH more than 7
  - forms hydrogen ions in aqueous solution
  - is a neutral molecule
- A Brønsted acid is defined as \_\_\_\_\_
  - an electron pair acceptor
  - a hydrogen donor
  - a hydrogen acceptor
  - a hydroxide acceptor
  - an electron pair donor
- A Lewis base is defined as \_\_\_\_
  - an electron pair acceptor
  - a hydrogen donor
  - a hydrogen acceptor
  - a hydroxide acceptor
  - an electron pair donor
- Which of the following would you NOT expect to act as Brønsted-Lowry bases:
  - $Br^-$
  - $NH_3^-$

c.  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$

d.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

For the equilibrium:  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NH}_3 \leftrightarrow \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

6 & 7 List the acid, base, conjugate acid and conjugate base:

8. Which of the following is incorrectly paired with its Brønsted-Lowry conjugate base or conjugate acid?

a)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

c)  $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{SO}_2$

b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

d)  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{HF}$

9. What is transferred between a conjugate acid base pair?

10. The conjugate base pair to the acid  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  is:

11. A 0.002M  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  solution can be described as:

(weak/strong) (concentrated/dilute) (acid/base)

12. A 0.000020M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  solution can be described as:

(weak/strong) (concentrated/dilute) (acid/base)

13. A 10.0M  $\text{NH}_3$  solution can be described as:

(weak/strong) (concentrated/dilute) (acid/base)

14. You have an unknown acid that you do not know what the concentration is. What would you expect the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  to be in this solution?

a. Greater than  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}\text{M}$

d. Less than 1.0M

b. Greater than 1.0 M

e. It is not possible to know from this information.

c. Less than  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}\text{M}$

15. Identify the weakest acid of the following based on their  $K_a$  values:

a.  $\text{HF}$ :  $K_a = 6.7 \times 10^{-4}$

c.  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ :  $K_a = 6.6 \times 10^{-4}$

b.  $\text{HNO}_2$ :  $K_a = 5.1 \times 10^{-4}$

d.  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ :  $K_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-7}$

16. Identify the strongest base based on their  $K_b$  values:

a.  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ :  $K_b = 5.9 \times 10^{-3}$

c.  $\text{NH}_3$ :  $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

b.  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ :  $K_b = 2.1 \times 10^{-4}$

d.  $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$ :  $K_b = 9.5 \times 10^{-7}$

17. A substance is tested using indicators to determine the approximate pH. The substance turns thymol blue yellow, chlorophenol red orange, and bromcresol green blue. Which of the following is a possible pH for this substance?

a. 3

c. 7

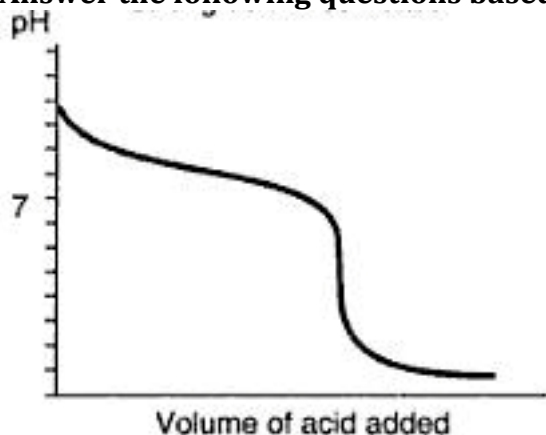
b. 6

d. 8

18. An indicator changes colour at a pH range of 3.8 – 5.4. Which combination below would be best suited for a titration using this indicator?

- A. HCl and NH<sub>3</sub>
- B. CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NH<sub>3</sub>
- C. HCl and CH<sub>3</sub>COOH
- D. CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH

Answer the following questions based on the titration curve shown below.



19. This curve represents a:
- a) Strong base being titrated by a strong acid
  - b) Strong acid being titrated by a strong base
  - c) Strong base being titrated by a weak acid
  - d) Weak acid being titrated by a strong base
  - e) Weak base being titrated by a strong acid
  - f) Strong acid being titrated by a weak base
20. An appropriate indicator to use for this titration would be:
- a) Methyl orange
  - b) Bromocresol Green
  - c) Limus
  - d) Thymol blue

**Short Answer:**

1. Discuss the limitations of the theories of acids and bases presented by Arrhenius, Bronsted-Lowry and Lewis. (3 marks)
  
2. Explain how acid-base indicators function chemically, using Le Chatelier's principle. (3 marks)

3. Write the reaction equations for the dissociation of each of the following substances in water and explain, with the use of Brønsted-Lowry reaction equations, the acidity or basicity of the resulting solutions: (4 marks)

sodium phosphate, weak base

ammonium chloride, weak acid

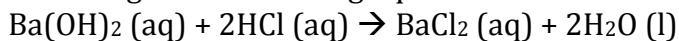
4. What is the pH of a solution in which the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  is  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ? (1 mark)

5. What is the pOH of a  $1.25 \times 10^{-3}$  M HCl? (2 marks)

6. What is the hydroxide ion concentration in a 0.50 mol/L solution of sulfuric acid? (3 marks)

7. 15.0 mL of a sulfuric acid solution, required 74.0 mL of a sodium hydroxide solution (0.80 M) to neutralize. What is the concentration of the acid? (3 marks)

8. A student is performing a titration using hydrochloric acid and barium hydroxide according to the following equation:



What volume (in mL) of 0.500 M HCl is needed to neutralize 25.0mL of 3.1M Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>?

(3 marks)

9. The  $K_a$  value for acetic acid is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ , determine  $K_b$  for the basic anion,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ . (2 marks)

10. A 1.20 M solution of the weak acid  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  has a pH of 4.12. Determine  $K_a$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  (carbonic acid). *Consider only the first ionization step.* (4 marks)

11. Methylamine is a weak base that is related to ammonia. It has a  $K_b = 4.38 \times 10^{-4}$ . Calculate the pH of a 0.55 M solution. (5 marks)

Extras that may be added:

26. Which of the following is a conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction  $\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\ell) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ ?

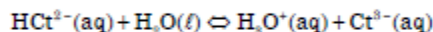
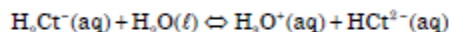
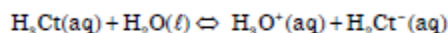
- A.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{OH}^-$
- B.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{NH}_3$
- C.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$
- D.  $\text{OH}^-$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$

25. Which substance below is considered a base according to the Brønsted-Lowry theory but not the Arrhenius theory?

- A.  $\text{CH}_4$
- B.  $\text{NH}_3$
- C.  $\text{NaOH}$
- D.  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

Citric acid, symbolized  $\text{H}_3\text{Ct}(\text{aq})$ , is a triprotic acid that fulfills a variety of roles. It is used as a food preservative as well as a flavouring agent for foods, beverages, and confections. It is also used to condition water, remove sulfur dioxide from smelter waste, and polish metals such as stainless steel.

Citric acid dissociates through a series of steps:



The  $K_{\text{a}}$  values for the three steps in the dissociation, in random order, are

- I  $7.0 \times 10^{-4}$
- II  $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$
- III  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

The  $K_{\text{a}}$  values for  $\text{H}_3\text{Ct}(\text{aq})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{Ct}^-(\text{aq})$ , and  $\text{HCt}^{2-}(\text{aq})$ , respectively, are

- A. II, I, III
- B. II, III, I
- C. I, II, III
- D. I, III, II

What is the  $[\text{H}^+]$  in a  $0.50 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  solution of nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , which has a  $K_{\text{a}}$  value of  $5.1 \times 10^{-4}$ ?

- A.  $1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
- B.  $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
- C.  $5.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
- D.  $2.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$

27. Acids and bases can be described using the terms strong, weak, dilute and concentrated. Which statement below is a correct use of the terms?

- A. A strong acid cannot be dilute.
- B. A weak acid cannot be concentrated.
- C. The strength of acids varies during changes in concentration.
- D. The strength of acids remains constant during changes in concentration.

29. What is the  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in a  $0.020 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  solution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2(\text{aq})$ ?

- A.  $1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$
- B.  $5.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$
- C.  $2.5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$
- D.  $1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$

What volume (in mL) of antacid,  $0.015 \text{ M Mg}(\text{OH})_2(\text{aq})$ , is required to neutralize  $25 \text{ mL}$  of stomach acid,  $0.020 \text{ M HCl}(\text{aq})$ ? Round your answer to the nearest whole number.